

**REISSUE APPLICATION SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION BY INVENTORS**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,968,560, granted October 19, 1999, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled BLOW MOLDING DEVICE FOR PRODUCING THERMOPLASTIC CONTAINERS the specification of which

- ☒ was filed on April 20, 2000 as reissue application number 09/553,413; and was amended as shown in Exhibit A which is attached hereto).

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

- ☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.
- ☒ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.
- ☐ by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows:

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows: The original patent is believed to be defective because the original claims are believed to claim less than the patentees have a right to claim. No claim in the original patent is directed to the mold shells standing alone or to a method of producing containers, both of which are believed to constitute patentable subject matter. New Claims 27-33 are presented to overcome these defects. In addition, upon reviewing the original patent, applicants became concerned that others might attempt to construe the original claims to include limitations directed to support structure of the molding machine in addition to the shells and shell holders. Accordingly, new Claims 15-26 are presented in the reissue application to resolve any doubt as to the subject matter that applicant is entitled to claim.

All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the practitioners associated with the Customer Number provided below to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and direct that all correspondence be addressed to that Customer

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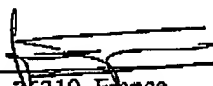
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

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